

9 August 1978

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Donald F. Massey ✓  
Mr. (Morton Palmer) MB

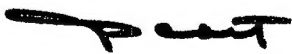
FROM : S. D. Breckinridge  
Principal Coordinator/HSCA

SUBJECT : 1977 Task Force Report on Book V of  
Church Committee Report

1. Attached is one copy each, with copy of correspondence from me to the Legislative Counsel, concerning release of a sanitized copy of the 1977 Task Force Report, commenting on Book V of the Church Committee Final Report. It had been felt in the past more desirable to not make this available to our two oversight committees, primarily because the SSCI is somewhat of a lineal descendant of the Church Committee. It is noted that HSCA has seen the Report in both sanitized and unsanitized versions; it may well be cited in the final HSCA Report.

2. Given the present environment, with pending criticisms of CIA's performance in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, many of the lines of discussion in the 1977 Task Force Report have current relevance. Although portions of the 1977 Task Force Report have been sanitized, much of the discussion should be meaningful to our oversight committees, which may soon be hearing some rather strong assertions of past derelictions by the Agency in this same field. To the extent that past criticisms are suspect, it may have a tempering influence on reactions to current criticisms of a similar nature.

3. It is requested that you review the report for transmittal to your respective oversight committees (SSCI and HPSCI). Please note Fred Hitz's reaction to my proposal. I did not convey to him past reservations on the point, and you may wish to do so.

  
S. D. Breckinridge

Attachments:  
As stated

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Attached are two copies of our Task Force Report, "Comments on Book V." Believe Scott talked to you about passing them to the House and Senate Committees.

Wish to emphasize that they are not IG Reports but products of a representative Agency Task Force.

John Leader  
IG Staff

13 Dec. 77

*Cy #3*  
Date

DTC: I am hesitant to say pass this  
this on to the ~~committees~~ until management  
knows what the bottom line is. Is there a  
synopsis or precise. Let Blake, DCI, etc.,  
know what all this means.

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